

PATENT APPLICATION # 7 23.32

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q68167

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Appln. No.: 10/051,199

Group Art Unit: 1745

Confirmation No.: 7169

Examiner: Gregg Cantelmo

Filed: January 22, 2002

For: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE AND SOLID POLYMER
ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL USING SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

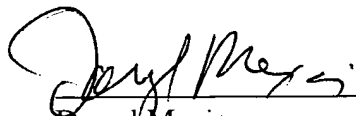
This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 21, 2003, for the above-identified application.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-27 and 30-40, without traverse. Applicants further elect Species I, claims 1-13, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected Groups and Species.

Applicants note that this response is timely filed since the due date of April 20, 2003 for responding to the present Office Action fell on a weekend.

Respectfully submitted,


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